

**ABSTRACT**

Apparatus and method for handling system information in mobile telecommunications system user equipment, wherein updates are applied in a defined order. In particular, in 3G UMTS systems, when System Information Block (SIB) SIB 11 and SIB 12 are received with 5 information elements relating to cell information list (e.g. "intra-frequency cell info list", "inter-frequency cell info list" and "Inter-RAT cell info list") then the system information associated with the system information block information element in SIB 11 is applied before the system information associated with the system information block information element in SIB 12.